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THE MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

NO MORE attractive project ever has been suggested in this city than the municipal Christmas tree with the accompanying Christmas festival which it is proposed to hold in Robinson park this year. In so far as Albuquerque is concerned the proposed festival has the merit of absolute novelty, although similar events have been held with great success in other cities and towns in this country.

The municipal celebration in towns and villages of Christian Europe has been the custom at Christmas time for years unnumbered. To some extent it has prevailed in smaller communities of the eastern United States for many years. This year there will be no Christmas celebration over the greater part of Europe. It is all the more reason why we in America should give the season more than customary notice, as a thanksgiving that in America at least a "peace on earth, good will toward men."

The festival proposed for Albuquerque should not be considered as a charitable project. It is not. This is one public celebration in which the rich will be as welcome as the poor. It is very often the case that the rich and the "well-to-do" have less of the Christmas spirit and of true Christmas joy than the very poor. This celebration is to be planned to bring something of the Christmas spirit into the lives of all who make up this municipality.

A huge Christmas tree, beautifully decorated and lighted electrically, standing in the center of Robinson park. Around it for three evenings crowds of happy people joining in Christmas carols—The picture suggests something beautiful, something his community should have.

Plans for this Christmas celebration are to be discussed at a meeting in the high school auditorium Thursday afternoon at half past three o'clock. The ladies with whom the plan originated want the help of every man and woman and boy and girl in Albuquerque in making the arrangements and in carrying them out. Preparing for an event of this kind is a little more than half the fun.

If you have a suggestion for Albuquerque's municipal Christmas tree go to this meeting and present it. If you have no idea, but are merely interested, attend the meeting and lend your presence to a movement which will make for the happiness of all of us.

THE WAR AT SEA.

DISPATCHES during the past few days have reported the German detached war squadrons in American waters at so many different places that it seems there is no accurate information as to where these ships may be. They have been reported everywhere from the main travelled traffic lane of the North Pacific to the eastern coast of Brazil.

One thing is certain, however. The warships of Japan on the Pacific and of England in the Atlantic are closing in about the elusive Germans and before long these ships will be forced into battle. The result is likely to have an important effect upon the whole course of the war. Already the Germans have sunk two English warships in the engagement off the coast of Chile. These were officially admitted lost by the British admiralty. That two other ships were sunk or disabled in the same engagement seems probable.

Should the Germans succeed in defeating the English squadron now in the South Atlantic it would put a very different face on the whole naval situation, not only as regards England's ability to protect North Atlantic commerce, but with respect to her holding the German North sea fleet in check when the inevitable struggle comes.

Despite Mr. Winston Churchill's assertion that the effect of the loss of the battleship *Bulwark* is not a serious one to the British navy, the mysterious destruction of that great fighting machine under the very lights of London must cast a deep shadow over England's heretofore undoubted sea power.

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destruction of the *Bulwark* is not to be attributed to the amazing skill and resourcefulness of the Germans, whose under-the-sea achievements since the launching of the war have been the great surprise of modern times. The British admiralty and the British press cannot be relied upon for frank admissions of fact, touching the war, as was made plain by the piecemeal manner in which the world obtained the facts as to the sinking of the *Aurora*.

Either the *Bulwark's* destruction is to be attributed to German skill and cunning, or else a catastrophe unprecedented in the history of fighting ships has been recorded.

In either event, the affair, following a long series of failures on the part of the British navy to maintain its sinister reputation for power, indicates that a new era in the adjustments of power on sea and land has dawned.

Whatever may be the outcome of the war, it is already an established fact that the power of England on the seas has reached its highest point, and that at least a temporary decline has set in. It is scarcely to be imagined that any change in the trend of the war can overturn this conclusion.

It does not appear that Great Britain's valor or stubborn obstinacy have suffered any diminution; but it seems clear that the British navy of dreadnaught traditions must give place in the estimates of the world before the rise of a new type of naval fighting machines, if not to the naval fighters of a nation which has been regarded, heretofore, as particularly formidable only by reason of its hand forces.

FAIR PLAY DEMANDED.

IN THE current weekly bulletin of the local retail merchants' association, reference is made to the fact that certain stores on First street are remaining open on Sunday in violation of law. Suggestion is made that the district attorney be reminded of this fact and that the Sunday law be enforced.

There is some doubt as to the effectiveness of the so-called Sunday law in New Mexico. But it is quite clear that if the peace officers of this county can force merchants on First street to close up and stay closed, fair play is all that is demanded; law or no law. And the demand should be made so clear and definite that it cannot be resisted.

There was a time in this country when certain saloon men could be favored while others were held to strict accountability for violations of the law. That time is past. It has been rumored that certain saloons in out of the way places are permitted to remain open on Sunday. This, however, is denied by county officers. If the law on Sunday closing applies, however, to one merchant it should be applied to all, and no necessity should exist for calling in the services of the district attorney's office. The sheriff's office has abundant power to act.

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SOLOS
by the
Second Fiddle.

SAYS Bob, aged three
That Christmas tree
It surely makes
A hit with me.
And I can see
Where it will be
A hit with our
Municipality."

SUPREME COURT holds that a colored gentleman may ride in a Pullman car in Oklahoma. In other states colored gentlemen own the Pullman cars.

AN ARKANSAS electrician quit a good job in state's prison rather than press the button which turned the expiration record on ten men. Governor Hunt should get that boy on the Arizona staff.

ACCORDING to Eliego Baeca the government should fire its sleuths and put a medium on the trail of General Salazar.

POSSIBLY one reason for thinking Salazar dead is because he's been out of jail ten days without talking for publication.

"PROGRESSIVES propose to fuse with the Democrats," declares a Chicago dispatch. If they do they'll have to do the welding when O. W. Underwood and others are tying their shoes.

DO NOT SEND your husband's fall dress suit to the Belgians. Second hand clothing is not acceptable and clothes much put away are especially liable to contain germs.

IN ALBQ. an unmerciful sun beats down on this tongue of land which, together with the pigmy train waiting upon the smoky sands to carry the passengers to Rotterdam, makes the traveler almost feel that he has been landed in sleepy Africa by mistake.

JAPAN is in the position of the warmed up fighting man with nothing left in the ring.

IF THE ENGLISH fleet just chased those German cruisers with sufficient persistence they'd find 'em some day. There is plenty of time.

THE MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS tree opens the very opportunity for which all goodfellows have been looking.

One by one
Carranza sees
His tendons hopes
Ascending trees.

THE MAN who carefully examines a dime twice before he spends it is no longer called a tightwad. He's a conservative financier.

THE SANTA Fe New Mexican brands all those who voted for Albuquerque for next year's receivers convention as "barmaids."

SUPPOSE you also includes the ladies as "barmaids."

Some German ships went out to sea and sailed around right merrily. They steamed ahead from place to place and left behind them empty spaces. What I cannot understand is how they cut across dry land.

And from Tacoma jump at will in just a day to far Brazil.

Perhaps the English Admiralty will some day make it plain to me.

Consolidation May Become a Fad

(Spanish Fly Eagle.)

Consolidation seems to be the watchword now. It is reported that the next legislature will consolidate the offices of state auditor and traveling auditor, that the offices of state engineer and land commissioner will be consolidated and that the entire work of the state engineer will be under the commissioner of public lands. It is said that the insurance commissioner will be under the corporation commission and that the office of game and fish warden will be under some other department. The next session of the state legislature promises some entertainment for the multitude.

HOW TO CORRECT THE WAR SCARE

(Springer Stockman)

If the daily newspapers would put their much padded war news on the back page and some of the banks would stop covering small commercial depositors and continue to loan them money at usual rates of interest instead of putting it out aturious rates to get rich quick, and if people in general would buck up and look on the bright side of things, it is our opinion that the war in Europe would have little depressing effect on the multitude.

At that time the flexible ribbon films and instantaneous exposures were unknown, and it was necessary to limit the views to those that could be taken by time exposure upon wet plates, which plates were afterward reproduced as positives on very thin glass plates. The device for holding the plates was a skeleton wheel divided into eighteen parts, into which the plates were fastened and the wheel then revolved before a lantern's rays, causing each picture to exactly with the position just left by the preceding one. The wheel was revolved by hand and controlled by a ratchet and pawl mechanism, enabling the operator to control the movements of the waiting figure, so as to synchronize with the music played by the orchestra, and when showing those of an acrobat he would come to a full stop, when the acrobat would complete a somersault.

Dyspepsia is America's curse. To restore digestion, normal weight, good health and purify the blood, use Murdoch's Blood Bitters. Sold at all drug stores. Price, \$1.00.

A limited amount of space remains.

If interested, telephone Peacock's feed store, Phone 16 and our representative will call.

**Rotterdam's Place in Commerce
Heligoland's Place in the War**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The National Geographic Society, of this city, today gave out the following statement with reference to the importance of the port of Rotterdam in international trade and concerning Heligoland, which Great Britain traded to Germany in 1890 in return for the German recognition of the British protectorate over Zanzibar:

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Much of the tableland is forbidden to the tourist. The impulsive stranger is not encouraged to roam at will nor to photograph whatever might strike his fancy. For the rock is strategic ground; its surface is studded with turreted fortifications, hidden big gun pits, and upon one part of the island there is an important Zeppelin station. Near its southeastern point is a gaudy city in the rock upon which the lower town is constructed and where Heligoland steamers moor. In this sheltering cleft is where the native fisher folk huddle through the bitter, stormy, gray, blood-congealing North sea winter. Almost continual ice blasts chop, smash and churn these waters during the winter time.

As small as the island is, it yet offers the visitor a choice of several hills, theater entertainment, and the advantages of a Kurhaus, together with those of sundry cafes.

At any rate when a prospect mother urges her daughter to "do" to use "Mother's Friend" to help her in getting a mate.

"Mother's Friend" is an application for expert matronage to furnish pliancy to the to take away the strain on the ligaments to relieve the tension and tendons so apt to provide a cause, morning sickness being the direct result.

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